

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 1, 5, 14 and 16 without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter, amend Claims 2 to 4, 6 to 13 and 15, and add new Claim 17 as shown below. The claims, as pending in the subject application, now read as follows:

1. (Canceled)

2. (Currently amended) The recording head cartridge tank holder according to claim 17 [[1]], wherein the height of said peripheral wall at the engagement surface of said second engagement portions ~~portion with which said liquid tank engages~~ from said mounting surface is higher than at that in the case of said first engagement portions ~~portion~~.

3. (Currently amended) The recording head cartridge tank holder according to claim 17 [[1]], wherein said ~~tank~~ mounting portion is divided into two areas so that said black [[a]] liquid tank ~~accommodating a black ink~~ is mounted to one area and said color [[a]] liquid tank accommodating three color inks is loaded onto the other area, the area of said ~~tank~~ mounting portion on which said black [[the]] liquid tank ~~accommodating a black ink~~ is mounted is provided with a liquid supplying port ~~pipe~~ for black ink and the area of said tank mounting portion on which said color [[the]] liquid tank ~~accommodating three color inks~~ is mounted is provided with three liquid supplying ports ~~tubes~~ for the respective colors.

4. (Currently amended) The recording head cartridge ~~tank holder~~ according to claim 17 [[1]], wherein when either of said black liquid tank or said color is dismounted ~~removed~~ from said ~~tank~~ mounting portion, ~~said~~ one side surface of said liquid tank abuts an [[the]] upper end of said one side wall of said peripheral wall ~~tank mounting portion~~, said one side surface of said liquid tank is supported by said upper end, and a rotational operation is utilized.

5. (Canceled)

6. (Currently amended) The recording head cartridge ~~liquid tank~~ according to claim 17 [[5]], wherein a [[the]] lower surface side of each of said first engagement protrusions ~~protrusion facing the bottom surface side~~ is formed in an inclined surface which is inclined upward from its proximal end toward its distal end.

7. (Currently amended) The recording head cartridge ~~liquid tank~~ according to claim 17 [[5]], wherein when either of said black liquid container or said color liquid container is removed from said tank holder, said lever portion is elastically displaced toward the container side, so that the engagement state of said second engagement portion is released.

8. (Currently amended) The recording head cartridge ~~liquid tank~~ according to claim 17 [[5]], wherein said lever portion for each of said black liquid container and said color liquid container is provided with an operating portion which is operated at the time of removing said liquid container from said tank holder.

9. (Currently amended) The recording head cartridge liquid tank according to claim 17 [[5]], wherein in the state where each of said black liquid container and said color liquid container is mounted to said tank holder, the position of said second engagement protrusion from said bottom surface is higher than the position of said first engagement protrusion.

10. (Currently amended) The recording head cartridge liquid tank according to claim 17 [[5]], wherein for each of said black liquid container and said color liquid container, said second engagement protrusion is placed, in the state of being engaged with said tank holder, at the inner side of said tank holder with respect to the outer peripheral surface of said peripheral wall of said tank holder.

11. (Currently amended) The recording head cartridge liquid tank according to claim 17 [[5]], wherein each of said black liquid container and said color liquid container further comprises a negative pressure generator for holding liquid [[is]] provided within said liquid container.

12. (Currently amended) The recording head cartridge liquid tank according to claim 17 [[11]], wherein a fiber member made of fibrous material is provided on said supplying portion within said container.

13. (Currently amended) The recording head cartridge liquid tank according to claim 17 [[5]], wherein for each of said black liquid container and said color liquid container, in a [[the]] state where said liquid container is mounted to said tank holder, said one side surface of

said liquid container abuts the inner surface of the peripheral wall of said tank holder opposing said one side surface, and when said liquid container is removed from said tank holder, said one side surface of said container abuts the upper end of said peripheral wall of said tank holder and said liquid container is rotated with the upper end being a rotation supporting point.

14. (Canceled)

15. (Currently amended) The recording head cartridge liquid tank according to claim 17 [[5]], wherein said liquids are an ink ~~is loaded within said ink container~~.

16. (Canceled)

17. (New) A recording head cartridge comprising a tank holder, a black liquid tank which contains black liquid and which is held by said tank holder, and a color liquid tank which contains multiple ones of differently colored liquids and which is held by said tank holder, wherein said tank holder comprises:

a liquid discharge head;

a mounting portion including a mounting surface on which said black liquid tank and said color liquid tank are detachably mounted;

a terminal for transmitting a recording signal to said liquid discharge head;

plural liquid supplying ports on the mounting surface of said mounting portion which supply the liquids from said black liquid tank and said color liquid tank to said liquid discharge head;

a peripheral wall which is provided upright around said mounting surface of said mounting portion and which forms a space for accommodating said black liquid tank and said color liquid tank; and

a pair of first and second engagement portions in said peripheral wall, wherein said first engagement portions are provided at one side wall of said peripheral wall and wherein said second engagement portions are provided at the other side wall of said peripheral wall opposing said one side wall,

wherein the height of at least said one side wall of said peripheral wall is lower than the height of said black liquid tank and said color liquid tank, respectively, and when said black liquid tank and said color liquid tank are mounted to the mounting portion, at least one side surface of said peripheral wall abuts the side surfaces of said tanks, respectively,

wherein both of said black liquid tank and said color liquid tank each comprises:

a container main body for accommodating liquid;

an air communication portion for communicating the inside of said container main body with air;

a supplying port which is provided on a bottom surface of said container main body in a state where the liquid tank is mounted to said tank holder and supplies liquid to said liquid discharge head;

a first engagement protrusion which is provided at one side surface of the liquid tank and which engages with a first engagement portion of one of said pairs of first and second engagement portions; and

a lever portion with a second engagement protrusion which engages with a second engagement portion of said one of the pairs of first and second engagement portions, wherein said lever portion is provided so as to be elastically displaced,

wherein the protruding amount of said first engagement protrusion from one side surface of the liquid tank is smaller than the distance from the bottom surface of said container main body to said first engagement protrusion,

wherein in said tank holder, a height of said peripheral wall having the first engagement portion for said black liquid tank is higher than that for said color liquid tank,

wherein of said plural liquid supplying ports, the liquid supplying ports corresponding to said color liquid tank are arranged along a straight line connecting the first and second engagement portions for the color liquid tank, and

wherein said tank holder is constructed such that when said color liquid container is dismounted from said tank holder, one side surface of said container abuts an upper end of said peripheral wall of said tank holder and said color liquid container is rotated with the upper end being a rotation point, and wherein a center of rotation of said container is at a position which is equal to or less than 1/2 of the height of said container from its bottom surface.